

Case #1

*Isabel, age 11, has been intermittently resisting contact with her father since her parents separated 8 months ago following her father's extramarital affair. She blames him for the breakdown in her parents' marriage and has begun to complain of headaches before her scheduled time with him and prior to her family therapy sessions with him. Her mother alleges that Isabel is also complaining of headaches after both therapy sessions and times with her father, and that those symptoms are interfering with Isabel's ability to complete homework. She also believes that Isabel's headaches were exacerbated by the Covid-19 vaccine that Father insisted that his daughter receive. She believes that Isabel's therapy and parenting time with Father should be suspended "until Isabel is ready" to interact with him, stating that Isabel only has the headaches when it's time to interact with her father. She has filed a motion making this request. Isabel's father contends that these symptoms are "concocted" so that Isabel can avoid interacting appropriately with him. He believes that Mother is prompting these reactions. He also alleges that Isabel's mother has a history of using headaches to avoid things she doesn't want to deal with. He wants Mother held in contempt of court for not facilitating the visits and therapy sessions.*

